

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

—BY—
Harry Tucker.



We are glad it happened. A shave is what we needed, and when we went into the office this morning to find out something on the quiet about the Wyatt case two fine-looking young fellows, named W. E. Wallis and J. Miller, came in.

"They saw we needed a shave, and we didn't deny it," they said.

"Have one on us," they said.

"When we looked it over we saw it was one of Hall's jokes," they said.

"What do you do with this?" we asked.

"None your razor and then shave yourself."

"We ain't got no razor."

"Then borrow one from Sergeant Wren."

"He ain't got none, either."

"Well, take it anyhow, and give it to your children to sharpen their slate pencils."

"So we took it, and we are going to get a razor somewhere, for a fellow that gets Jack Heintz to shave him every day, he can't be a hundred years old."

Mr. W. T. Stephens, who owns the dogs who do a lot of acting at the Bijou, says his dogs talk to each other and tell funny stories.

"They laugh and laugh," he said.

"Their stories are not altogether new," he said, "but it's the way they tell 'em that counts."

"A dog was it (all) one dog asked the other."

"Because the tail can't wag the dog!"

"Gosh!" they say, and then they all laugh.

"If one of the dogs gets sick," said Mr. Stephens, "I have an understanding. He can go on and do anything that the other dogs do."

We have arranged to call on the dogs and get them to tell us some good stories, and we will tell them to our friends.

Mr. Stephens has been all over the city with his dogs and says he heard about us in London.

"I told the Prince of Wales not to mention us in London," he said, "but he never would pay any attention to what we told him. We will cut his acquaintance."

OF HUMAN INTEREST: STORIES OF TO-DAY

Learning to Walk.

Cifton Bingham, the author of "In Old Madrid," has written 3,000 songs, which have been published and sold, and which have been rejected, says the Boston Post.

Mr. Bingham is not himself a musician, but he is an excellent and sensitive critic. His own dog and sensitive, and nothing annoys him more than to hear bad singing or bad playing.

He is visiting in London, and a cousin of his in London, and his cousin has a son, a boy of 12 or 13, who practices on the piano every morning. The musician, lad, banging away from the instrument with tremendous vigor, tried Mr. Bingham not a little.

"What on earth are you playing there, young man?" the song writer called from the next room one morning.

"An exercise from 'First Steps in Music,'" the boy answered.

"I know you were playing with your feet," said Mr. Bingham, "but would you mind stepping a little lighter on the keys?"

For Purposes of Economy.

Somebody told him that two could live cheaper than one, and his salary of \$10 a week was so small that it seemed long time before he could afford to do so.

Mr. Bingham, as a matter of economy, he got married.

He had the good luck to get a smart girl for a wife, who had literary ambitions. At the end of the first three months they were in debt to everybody who would trust them, and they held a consultation as to whether it would be wise to go into bankruptcy or move over to Jersey. Economy and retrenchment were discussed, and the result was that they went from had to worse, and the young husband began to lose color and have a worn and anxious look.

One evening he came home with a bundle under his arms, his head held high, his step buoyant and a gleam of triumph in his eyes. His wife was glad to see him thus, and made certain that he had at last got the raise in salary for which both had been hoping. She set the evening meal before him and waited for him to say something. But, man like he kept her waiting. At last, when she could stand it no longer, she asked him:

"What is it, George?"

"I've found out how to live on ten a week."

"Sure?"

"I tell me."

"It's all in this book," said he, taking out a package. "I've written 'Economy.' We'll spend the evening reading it."

"How much did you pay for it?"

"Seven dollars—down and 50 cents a week. I know it's steep, but if it shows us how to live, why, it'll be cheap."

"Here did you get it?"

"Book agent—came to the office to-day—all the boys bought one. You don't seem to think it's much of a bargain."

"Well, no, I don't think it's a bargain, but the right way for economy. That book agent was here and sold me one, too!"

A Hero of To-day.

Floyd B. Greenhouse, an engineer on the Great Northern, was the hero of the day. During a severe storm the wires at the station where his engine was were injured. Soon after this was discovered, it was found that a nearby railroad bridge was on fire, and an express train was almost due to cross it. The engine, however, proved equal to the emergency. He got a light engine, crowded on a full head of steam, and the engine, under his expert management, burned the bridge and reached a station where the wires were intact in time to avert a bad wreck.

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